

**PUBLIC ACTS, 1999**

**CHAPTER NO. 404**

**SENATE BILL NO. 709**

**By Herron**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 294

By Maddox

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-209, relative to workers' compensation benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-209, is amended by deleting the language "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-113(f)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Any person engaged" in the first sentence thereof and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivision (f)(4), any person engaged".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-113(f), is further amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (4):

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply in counties having a population, according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, of not less than six thousand seven hundred (6,700) nor more than six thousand nine hundred fifty (6,950) and not less than forty-four thousand five hundred (44,500) nor more than forty-five thousand (45,000).


SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 28, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this            day of            1999

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DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 709 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.